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SUBJECT: IENG SARY CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN MIYAZAWA

1. ENROUTE TO MEETING OF 77 IN MEXICO CITY CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IENG SARY TALKED WITH FONMIN MIYAZAWA IN TOKYO SEPTEMBER 8. FOLLOWING MERGES ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION GIVEN GOVERNOR SCRANTON BY MIYAZAWA AND ACCOUNT GIVEN POLCOUNS BY ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN NAKAE.

2. ALL ARRANGEMENTS HERE FOR IENG SARY STOPOVER SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY CHINESE. MIYAZAWA BELIEVES THAT CHINESE DID NOT TELL SARY OF FONMIN'S INVITATION TO TEA UNTIL AFTER SARY ARRIVED IN TOKYO. CHINESE AMBASSADOR WENT ABOARD SARY'S AIRPLANE TO GREET HIM, TO EVIDENT DISCOMFITURE OF VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR ALSO ON HAND (WITH LAO COLLEAGUE) TO GREET SARY. MIYAZAWA SAID (IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO CHINESE MANAGEMENT) THAT SARY WAS COURTEOUS, RESERVED, AND "NOT FULLY AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON."

3. SARY TOLD MIYAZAWA THAT FIRST STAGE OF CAMBODIA'S POSTWAR RECOVERY HAD BEEN COMPLETED, AND HIS
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COUNTRY HAD REACHED POINT THAT IT NEEDED TECHNICAL

SKILLS AND ASSISTANCE OF ADVANCED COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN. HE STATED THAT CAMBODIA HAD ENOUGH RICE TO FEED POPULATION AND MAY HAVE SMALL SURPLUS TO EXPORT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE "RESIDUAL OIL" NEEDED FOR TRACTORS. IN VIEW OF CAMBODIAN DESIRE TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, SARY SAID, TRACTORS WERE MOST DESIRED IMPORT.

4. PRIMITIVE STATE OF CAMBODIAN ECONOMY ILLUSTRATED, MIYAZAWA OBSERVED, BY SARY'S ANSWERS TO TWO QUESTIONS. ASKED IF CAMBODIA PRODUCING BICYCLES, SARY SAID MANUFACTURE OF BICYCLE CHAINS WAS A PROBLEM. ASKED IF CAMBODIA RELYING ON TRANSISTOR RADIOS TO KEEP POPULATION INFORMED, SARY REPLIED THAT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT PREFERED TO DISPENSE NEWS VIA LOUDSPEAKER.

5. WHEN POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING AMBASSADORS BROACHED BY JAPANESE, SARY SAID THAT CAMBODIA NOW HAD FOUR MISSIONS ABROAD BUT LACKED A QUALIFIED AMBASSADOR TO OPEN A FIFTH. MIYAZAWA THEN ASKED IF CAMBODIANS PREFERRED TO KEEP IN TOUCH VIA HANOI OR PEKING. SARY CHOSE PEKING, NOTING THAT AIR CONNECTIONS WERE BETTER (THERE IS A BI-WEEKLY FLIGHT FROM PHNOM PENH TO PEKING, AND APPARENTLY NO REGULAR SERVICE TO HANOI).

6. SARY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A "FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT" WHO JAPANESE BELIEVE IS THE FORMER RGNU REPRESENTATIVE IN PEKING.
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